

BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill Analysis
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Enrolled

BACKGROUND

The Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) has inmate-operated waste disposal facilities and is in charge of other inmate-operated disposal systems of hazardous wastes. Unfortunately, their lack of expertise in waste management has led to problems with illegal discharge of hazardous wastes. In order to alleviate this problem the TDC attempted to contract out the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority (GCWDA) to help train inmates to operate their disposal facilities properly. However, the enabling legislation of the GCWDA limits its operating district to the counties of Harris, Chambers, and Galveston.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 34 allows the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to contract with any person to operate and maintain any disposal system outside of its district, and to train or supervise employees of a disposal system outside of its district.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 3.14(a), Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, to allow the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to contract with any person to operate and maintain, within or outside the district, any disposal system belonging to the person, and to contract with any person to train or supervise employees of a disposal system within or outside the district.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.